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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DASITT

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FROM : [redacted]
Chief, PAD/PTO

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SUBJECT : PTO Top-Level Comments on the DRAFT DASITT Report,
[redacted]

1. Selected members of the PTO Staff have completed a preliminary review of the subject document. Our top-level comments are as follows:

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-- there is a discussion of a number of topics which are not apparent to us as being ADP related, e.g., imagery operational procedures at PACOM, EUCOM, LANTCOM, location of the [redacted] photo interpreters, the aggregation of CIA and DIA photo interpreters, exploitation performance and centralization of softcopy equipment, exploitation reporting standards and the exploitation procedures employed in the DMA vertical obstruction program. If ADP does not appear to be of significant consequence in the implementation of these and other topics, PTO recommends that they be removed from this report.

-- the approaches which are taken to implement the DASITT recommendations will need very careful evaluation. PTO seriously questions the concept of RMS monitoring this implementation or assigning this responsibility to the NRP.

-- the report contains certain inaccuracies and speculations. In our continuing review over the next week, we will attempt to correct these on a line-by-line basis.

-- the clarity of certain sections of the report can be improved (e.g., paragraph 5, page 35). Additionally, some of the information is outdated and should be revised (e.g., page 29 and the JTO discussions).

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-- some of the topics included in Section C of the recommendations section have already been reviewed or are in the process of being reviewed, e.g., C-5: the exploitation community has already reviewed the DIA National Area Coverage File and the COMIREX Area History File and concluded that they should remain separated because they are used for different purposes; C-6: the reporting standards are in the process of being reviewed by the EXSUBCOM; C-7: proposed revisions to the IPIR/SUPIR reporting formats are currently under final review by the exploitation community.

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2. The following is provided for your information and is related to various sections of the subject document:

-- The NTP is undergoing a basic review by the EXSUBCOM which includes the investigation of the utility of having U&S Commands and Departmental agencies perform a portion of the national imagery exploitation mission. The findings of the investigation of the utility of distributing national imagery exploitation responsibilities is now under final review. The tentative recommendations are:

a. that the current national exploitation assignments be retained for the present

b. form a permanent working group under EXSUBCOM to execute the annual review of the NTP. Instruct the NTP-WG to define duplication, develop the management data needed for COMIREX to monitor all aspects of the exploitation process, and conduct a review of national exploitation requirements.

c. use the NTP-WG to determine the costs and benefits of giving DoD exploitation elements on-line interactive access to national data bases. Specifically, address the pros and cons of reallocation of national tasking, given this capability in the environment.

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-- PTO has under study at the present time the community uses of data from the national data bases. This study includes a review of the U&S Commands' requirements and the capability of the planned AIRES upgrades to satisfy these requirements. The report is to be published during the Fall of 1980.

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3. PTO supports the need to take a hard look at the CAMS structure for the mid-1980s and beyond to include some of the proposed changes that are reflected in the subject document. [REDACTED]

4. As noted in the first paragraph, this memorandum only includes comments derived from a PTO Staff top-level review. We will complete our review within approximately one week and will provide you with detailed comments at this time. [REDACTED]

5. We are pleased that this survey has been accomplished and believe that the data can be used to eliminate some serious problems. Please keep us involved in the final version of the report so that we can work together in developing solutions to these problems. [REDACTED]

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